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SALTBURN & MARSKE-BY-THE-SEA URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

1965 ANNUAL REPORT

by the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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and the

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1965

To the Chairman and Members of Saltburn and Marske-by-the-Sea Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1965.

In general the health of the District is satisfactory but I would draw attention to the large number of deaths from Lung Cancer, there having been no less than ten deaths from this cause during the year. In view of the association between cigarette smoking and this disease these figures must be regarded with concern.

I would like to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their help and co-operation during the year and also to the Council's Officials for their assistance. Special thanks are due to Mr. N. R. Darling for his loyal and unfailing co-operation.

I am,
Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
P. S. R. BURRELL,
Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (in Acres)	4,082
Population (Registrar General's Estimate for mid-1965) ...	14,240
Number of inhabited Houses	4,229
Rateable Value	£ 395,020
Product of a Penny Rate	£1,589

TABLE I

VITAL STATISTICS

	Male	Female	Total		
LIVE BIRTHS ...	152	119	273	Rate per 1,000 population ...	19.2
Legitimate ...	139	118	257		
Illegitimate ...	15	1	16	Corrected Birth Rate ...	17.4
STILL BIRTHS					
Legitimate ...	1	3	4	Rate per 1,000 (live and still births)	14.4
Illegitimate ...	—	3	—		

Deaths of infants under 1 year of age	1	Rate for 1,000 live births ...	3.6
Deaths of legitimate infants under 1 year of age	1	Rate per 1,000 legitimate live births	3.7
Deaths of illegitimate infants under 1 year of age ...	Nil	Rate per 1,000 illegitimate live births	Nil
Maternal Deaths	Nil	Maternal mortality rate ...	Nil

Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births 5.9%

Early neonatal mortality rate — nil.

Perinatal mortality rate — 1.43

per 1,000 total live and still births.

TABLE II

DEATH RATES, ANALYSIS OF MORTALITY AND CASE RATES FOR CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN THE YEAR 1965

DEATHS (all causes)	Male	82
	Female	59
	Total	141
Crude death rate (per 1,000)		9.9
Corrected death rate		12.2

Deaths by age groups:

Under 4 weeks	Nil	35 years — 44 years	6
4 weeks — 1 year	1	45 years — 54 years	8
1 year — 4 years	Nil	55 years — 64 years	29
5 years — 14 years	Nil	65 years — 74 years	37
15 years — 24 years	Nil	75 years and over	59
25 years — 34 years	1		

NOTIFICATIONS

Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid Fever	Meningococcal Infection	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Diphtheria	Tuberculosis
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.49	0.00	0.014

Erysipelas	Measles	Pneumonia	Acute Poliomyelitis (including Polioencephalitis) Paralytic	Food Poisoning
0.00	1.74	0.00	0.00	0.00

TABLE III

DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES

	Male	Female
Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	—
Tuberculosis, other	—	—
Syphilitic disease	1	1
Diphtheria	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—
Meningococcal infections	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—
Measles	—	—
Other infective and parasitic diseases ...	—	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus ...	9	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast	—	4
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	—	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ...	7	5
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	—	—
Diabetes	1	—
Vascular lesions of nervous system ...	8	3
Coronary disease, angina	32	14
Hypertension with heart disease	—	1
Other Heart Disease	4	6
Other circulatory disease	3	4
Influenza	—	—
Pneumonia	4	2
Bronchitis	5	2
Other diseases of respiratory system ...	—	—
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	1
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	2	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	—	—
Hyperplasia of prostrate	3	—
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	—	—
Congenital malformations	3	—
Other defined and ill-defined diseases ...	4	10
Motor vehicle accidents	—	—
All other accidents	—	1
Suicide	—	—
Homicide and operations of war	—	—
	82	59

SALTBURN AND MARSKE
NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	1965 Population 14,240	1964 Population 13,920	1963 Population 13,570	1962 Population 13,200
Scarlet Fever	0	0	1	3
Diphtheria	0	0	0	0
Enteric Fever	0	0	0	0
Paratyphoid	0	0	0	0
Measles	247	125	127	174
Whooping Cough	21	24	34	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	5	9	4
Erysipelas	0	0	0	0
Pneumonia	0	0	0	0
Meningococcal Infection ...	0	0	0	0
Anterior Poliomyelitis ...	0	0	0	0
Acute Encephalitis	0	0	0	0
Pulmonary Tuberculosis ..	2	4	7	3
Other forms of Tuberculosis ...	0	0	1	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	0	0	0	0
Food Poisoning	1	0	0	0
Dysentery	0	0	0	0

COMMENTARY

There has been a further increase in the population by 320 to 14,240 in the year. The corresponding figure for 1964 was 350 and for 1963 and 1962 it was 370 and 750 respectively. The rate of increase has thus been slowing down over the last few years.

There are no other features in the Vital Statistics which call for comment as these are comparable with the national figures.

There were 21 cases of whooping cough notified during the year compared with 34 in 1964. While this decrease is welcome the position cannot be regarded as satisfactory for it would seem that the vaccine being used for immunization is not as fully effective as one would wish. Research into the problem is being carried out by the manufacturers of the vaccine and by others.

There was a large outbreak of measles in the early months of the year a total of 247 cases being notified. A vaccine against this disease is available but is not yet being given as a National Scheme. I have little doubt that this will come about in due course when more information about the result is available.

The number of primary immunizations against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus is satisfactory and I am glad to report that relatively few children do not receive the benefit of this procedure.

NOTIFICATIONS OF RESPIRATORY TUBERCULOSIS, 1965

Male Age Groups							Female Age Groups							
0-4	5-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	Over 65	Total	0-4	5-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	Over 65	Total	Total
—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	2

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATION

		1965	1964	1963	1962	1961
Primary Course	...	218	247	296	161	255
Reinforcing Doses	...	81	212	92	57	172

WHOOPING COUGH IMMUNIZATION

1965	1964	1963	1962	1961
218	243	293	157	229

MEALS ON WHEELS

The Meals on Wheels service operated by the W.V.S. to which the Council contributes has continued to operate throughout the year . I would again point out the great value of this service to the old people of the area. Provision of these meals does much to prevent malnutrition which is so often the cause of deterioration of the health of the aged.

FOOD HYGIENE

The Scheme mentioned in my last report by which regular samples are taken from the staff of a large bakery in the area has continued in operation. I am glad to report that no further positive samples were obtained. The scheme has proved valuable not only in detecting possible carriers but also in drawing the attention of the staff to the importance of food hygiene.

WATER SUPPLY

The water supply has remained satisfactory in quality and quantity. The whole area is supplied by a main supply system operated by the Tees Valley and Cleveland Water Board. Samples were taken during the year and proved satisfactory.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 TO 1959

PART I OF THE ACTS

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of Inspections (3)	Number of Written Notices (4)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	49	74	2
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	—	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises;	6	6	—
TOTAL	55	80	2

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars (1)	Number of Cases in which Defects were found: Found (2)	Remedied (3)
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)		
(a) Insufficient	0	0
(b) Unsuitable or Defective	6	6
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—
TOTAL	6	6

CLINIC FACILITIES IN THE AREA

ANTE-NATAL CLINICS:

The Clinic, Bath Street, Saltburn. Every Monday and Friday at 1-30 p.m.
(This Clinic is staffed by the Regional Hospital Board).

CHILD WELFARE SESSIONS:

Marske Clinic. Mondays at 2-00 p.m.
The Clinic, Bath Street, Saltburn. Every Wednesday at 9-30 a.m.

MINOR AILMENTS CLINIC:

The Clinic, Bath Street, Saltburn. Wednesdays at 10-30 a.m.

IMMUNISATION SESSIONS:

The Clinic, Bath Street, Saltburn. Every Wednesday at 9-30 a.m. and 2-00 p.m.
Marske Clinic. Mondays at 2-00 p.m.

OPHTHALMIC CLINICS:

The Clinic, 5 Turner Street, Redcar. By Appointment.

ORTHOPAEDIC CLINICS:

The Clinic, 5 Turner Street, Redcar. Second Tuesday in each month at 10-30 a.m. By Appointment.

DENTAL CLINICS:

The Clinic, Bath Street, Saltburn. By Appointment.

FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION CLINIC:

The Clinic, Bath Street, Saltburn. Every Tuesday at 7-00 p.m.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the year 1965

N. R. DARLING, A.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.
Certified Meat Inspector

To the Chairman and Members of the Saltburn and Marske-by-the-Sea Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure that I submit my nineteenth annual report on the sanitary conditions of the district for the year ending 31st December, 1965.

The staff of the department consists of a Technical Assistant, Mr. H. D. Kirk, one full-time Shorthand Typist/Clerk and a full-time Rodent Operator.

Mr. Kirk took up his duties with the department on 1st October, 1965, having completed his training with Eston Urban District Council. During December he passed the final examination of the Diploma of Public Health and was appointed Additional Public Health Inspector as from 1st January, 1966.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF THE PREPARATION AND SALE OF FOOD

Regular inspections have been made of cafes, hotel kitchens, ice cream premises, food shops and stalls for the purpose of enforcing the requirements of the Food and Drugs Act, Food Hygiene Regulations and Bye-laws.

During the year 26 notices were served in respect of breaches of the Food Hygiene Regulations.

The following articles of food, other than fresh meat, were surrendered to me during the year and classified as unfit for human consumption :—

Tinned Goods 137 lbs. 8 oz.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

There are two licensed slaughterhouses in the district and one hundred percent meat inspection was carried out following slaughter. During the year 538 visits were made and the carcasses and organs of 1,998 animals were inspected. The total weight of meat classified as unfit for human consumption was 25 lbs.

Slaughter of Animals Reguluations — No contraventions of the Regulations were found during the year.

The mutual aid scheme with Skelton and Brotton Urban District Council and Redcar Corporation Worked satisfactorily, the Public Health Inspectors for Skelton and Brotton and Redcar made 14 visits to this area and I made 3 visits to Skelton and Brotton area for the purpose of meat inspection.

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in Part:

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number Killed	225	1	Nil	1,442	330	Nil
Number Inspected	225	1	Nil	1,442	330	Nil
All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:						
Whole Carcases Condemned ...	Nil	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was Condemned ...	2	1	Nil	1	1	Nil
Percentage of Number Inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	.88	100	Nil	.069	.303	Nil
Tuberculosis only:						
Whole Carcases Condemned ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was Condemned ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Percentage of Number Inspected affected with Tuberculosis	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	303	Nil
Cysticercosis	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Meat was condemned for the following reasons:

Angioma	12 lbs.
Tuberculosis	8 lbs.
Pleurisy	2 lbs.
Bruising	3 lbs.
Total	25 lbs

MILK SUPPLIES

No complaints were received during the year with regard to milk supplies in the area.

There are four premises in the area which are registered as dairies.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Certificates of Registration have been granted under Section 16 of the above Act for the sale of ice-cream and the manufacture of sausage, etc.

Sale of Ice Cream	66
Manufacture of Pickled, Pressed or Preserved Food and Sausage, including Fried Fish Shops	17

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1958

Three Licences to Slaughter Animals were renewed during the year.

SHELLFISH REGULATIONS

An Order is in force prohibiting the sale of shellfish collected on the foreshore for human consumption and notices are exhibited on the approaches to the area where the shellfish are found.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1961

There are 60 premises on the register of the Local Authority.

During the year 107 visits were made to these premises and two notices were served in respect of breaches of the Regulations with regard to cleanliness and sanitary conveniences.

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION

Herewith is a tabulated statement of the inspections made during the twelve months under review:

Total Number of Inspections	2371
Total Number of Nuisances and Defects Found ...	349
Total Number of Nuisances and Defects Abated ...	349
Total Number of Informal Notices	154
Total Number of Statutory Notices	Nil
Total Number of Informal Notices Complied with ...	154
Total Number of Informal Notices Outstanding ...	Nil

LIST OF DEFECTS

Defective Drainage	6
Dirty Yard	2
Smoke Nuisance	4
Defective Eavesgutter	4
Defective Chimney	4
Accumulation of Refuse	2
Absence of Water Supply	8
Nuisances	11
Blocked Drain	12
Damp Walls (Internal)	12
Breach of Tenancy Regulations	13
Absence of Bath in Bathroom	9
Absence of Wash Hand Basin	8
Absence of Hot Water Supply	7
Absence of Water Closet in Dwelling ...	11

Absence of Ventilated Food Store	8
Dilapidated Structures	2
Defective Water Closet Basin	2
Defective Water Supply Pipe	1
Breach of Food Hygiene Regulations ...	26
Breach of Factories Act	6
Dangerous Staircase	1
Defective Door	8
Defective Waste Pipe	2
Defective Soil Pipe	2
Defective or Perished Wall Plaster ...	1
Defective Windows or Window Frames ...	10
Perished Pointing	8
Lack of Ventilation	3
Defective Roof	10
Defective Rendering	2
Insufficient Water Supply	1
Defective Ceiling	5
Defective Floors	6
Defective Fireplace	2
Defective Downpipe	6
Broken Step	1
Breach of Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	121
Breach of Building Byelaws	2
	349

LICENSED PREMISES

Visits have been made to all licensed premises in the area for the purpose of checking sanitary accommodation, washing facilities and general conditions under the Food and Drugs Act and Food Hygiene Regulations.

TENTS, VANS AND SHEDS

There are two licensed sites in the area, the larger being under the control of the Local Authority and having accommodation for 517 caravans. There is a small private site which has accommodation for four caravans.

The sites are provided with washing facilities, piped water supply, waste water drainage and water closets.

Two applications were received and granted for permission to station caravans in connection with the fairground at Old Saltburn.

SHOPS ACT

Inspections have been made of shops in the area for the purpose of checking the adequacy of sanitary and washing accommodation.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The Council employs a full-time Rodent Operator and herewith is a tabulated statement of the work carried out during the year. These services are provided free to householders and a charge is made to business premises.

	Type of Property				
	Non-Agricultural				
	(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling Houses (inc. Council Houses)	(3) All other including Business Premises	(4) Total of Cols. (1) (2) and (3)	(5) Agricultural
1. No. of properties in Local Authority's District ...	15	4518	342	4875	15
2. No. of Properties inspected as a result of notification.	—	152	26	178	1
No. of such properties found to be infested by:					
Common Rat—Minor	—	77	12	89	1
House Mouse—Minor	—	69	15	84	—
3. No. of Properties inspected in course of Survey under	15	98	51	164	14
No. of such properties found to be infested by:					
Common Rat—Minor	4	1	1	6	3
House Mouse—Minor	—	—	3	3	—
4. Total inspections carried out including re-inspections.	112	294	245	651	39
5. No. of Infested Properties (in Sections 2 and 3) treated by Local Authority.	4	147	30	181	4

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The total number of registered premises at the end of the year was 163, this total being made up of 26 offices, 104 retail shops and 33 catering establishments open to the public. The total number of persons employed at these premises was 592. A total of 284 visits were made by Inspectors to registered premises.

The majority of premises comply with the regulations, the only breaches of the regulations found were of minor items such as thermometers, sufficient first aid boxes and lighting and ventilation to water closets.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

The Council are members of the National Society for Clean Air and the Tees-side Clean Air Committee.

Two Deposit Gauges are in use in the area, one being sited at Marske-by-the-Sea in the playing field of the Junior School, Windy Hill Lane, by kind permission of the Secretary for Education and one in the Police Station grounds at Saltburn-by-the-Sea, by kind permission of the Chief Constable.

The tables show the results for the twelve months together with wind records for the period.

Two volumetric gauges are in use, one at 30 Vicarage Drive, Marske-by-the-Sea and one at The Clinic, Bath Street, Saltburn-by-the-Sea. In addition to smoke readings, sulphur dioxide recordings are taken on the machine at Saltburn.

Twelve observations were made on the coal-fired boiler in the area and no nuisance was observed.

During the year a mobile exhibition organised by the Solid Smokeless Fuels Federation was in the area and the attendance was satisfactory. The film "Clean Air" was shown to one organisation in the area.

MARSKE GAUGE

	PH Value	Undissolved Matter Tons/sq. Mile	Rainfall in Inches	Fe_2O_3
January	5.1	0.53	1.47	0.15
February	5.5	0.85	0.70	0.20
March	5.7	0.72	1.05	0.20
April		Gauge Interfered With		
May	6.4	4.85	2.12	0.73
June	6.3	1.37	1.28	0.39
July	4.5	11.23	2.53	1.48
August	5.6	2.10	2.79	0.48
September		Gauge Interfered With		
October	5.5	1.44	0.58	0.25
November	5.0	3.51	4.88	0.80
December	6.2	3.61	1.47	0.91
Average	5.58	3.02	1.88	0.56

SALTBURN GAUGE

	PH Value	Undissolved Matter Tons/sq. Mile	Rainfall in Inches	Fe_2O_3
January	6.2	5.38	2.04	0.52
February	5.6	9.54	1.94	0.67
March	6.4	7.78	1.44	0.72
April	6.2	11.16	1.35	1.24
May	6.8	4.06	2.00	0.60
June	6.6	1.20	1.25	0.12
July	6.0	7.76	3.35	0.79
August	5.8	4.36	2.61	0.58
September	5.2	2.82	5.45	0.25
October	5.5	1.46	0.56	0.24
November	5.2	4.78+	5.10+	0.67
December	6.2	1.69	1.61	0.25
Average	5.97	5.17	2.39	0.55

VOLUMETRIC SMOKE GAUGE

MARSKE SMOKE READINGS

	Micrograms/Cu. Metre		
	Highest	Lowest	Average
January	392	44	148.28
February	408	68	186.50
March	396	56	148.34
April	172	36	94.85
May	168	60	82.66
June	113	15	43.00
July	57	34	50.43
August	71	8	33.50
September	138	21	48.80
October	256	4	113.75
November	382	38	105.42
December	285	28	127.92

VOLUMETRIC SMOKE GAUGE

SALTBURN SMOKE READINGS

	Micrograms/Cu. Metre		
	Highest	Lowest	Average
January	412	84	158.64
February	472	60	148.28
March	424	36	148.51
April	204	36	98.50
May	200	60	83.85
June	89	15	41.62
July	51	13	33.00
August	73	8	32.70
September	136	23	64.22
October	260	0	133.50
November	296	19	119.97
December	435	21	178.76

VOLUMETRIC SMOKE GAUGE
Saltburn
SULPHUR DIOXIDE READINGS

	Micrograms/Cu. Metre		
	Highest	Lowest	Average
January	254	47	95.85
February	240	33	80.50
March	219	25	79.08
April	103	29	56.29
May	113	19	52.78
June	91	22	49.22
July	68	9	32.58
August	73	6	31.05
September	124	18	61.96
October	329	37	132.13
November	213	29	84.80
December	354	53	156.34

WIND RECORDS — TOTAL HOURS

	N	NE	E	SE	S	SW	W	NW	Calm	No Record
January	61.0	80.0	33.0	27.0	49.0	277.0	121.0	72.0	24.0	—
February	163.0	126.0	37.0	3.0	1.0	33.0	100.0	200.0	9.0	—
March	53.0	112.0	58.0	60.0	60.0	297.0	39.0	28.0	30.0	—
April	85.0	108.0	13.0	11.0	51.0	157.0	162.0	79.0	53.0	—
May	104.0	117.0	36.0	50.0	61.0	214.0	105.0	19.0	38.0	—
June	14.0	156.0	41.0	1.0	10.0	385.0	29.0	33.0	51.0	—
July	38.0	255.0	3.0	7.0	3.0	226.0	34.0	118.0	60.0	—
August	16.0	115.0	7.0	70.0	11.0	370.0	31.0	53.0	71.0	—
September	69.0	130.0	3.0	41.0	26.0	300.0	40.0	77.0	34.0	—
October	2.0	135.0	3.0	83.0	39.0	344.0	17.0	41.0	80.0	—
November	15.0	179.0	61.0	64.0	9.0	155.0	51.0	167.0	19.0	—
December	9.0	17.0	—	1.0	34.0	466.0	69.0	130.0	18.0	—
Average	52.4	127.0	24.6	34.8	29.5	268.7	66.5	84.8	40.6	—

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

One licence issued under the above Act was renewed during the year and one new licence was issued. The premises registered were visited regularly and no breaches of the Act were found during the year.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

One licence issued under the above Act was renewed during the year. The premises registered were visited regularly and no breaches of the Act were found during the year.

HOUSING

During 1965, 38 Council houses were allocated and 16 applicants for elderly persons' accommodation were re-housed.

During the year 28 applications were received from tenants for exchanges of Council Houses and 14 exchanges took place. Nine applications were received for permission to take lodgers and seven were approved by the Council.

The annual check on the Housing List was carried out during the year with the following results:

No. of letters sent	171
No. of replies received	87
No. of letters returned (address unknown)	34
No. to which no reply was received ...	50

WARDEN SERVICES TO ELDERLY PERSONS' ACCOMMODATION

There are seven Wardens employed by the Council in connection with groups of elderly persons' bungalows and flats. This scheme is worked under the grant aid scheme of the North Riding County Council of up to £30 per head for each person eligible for Warden service. Housing accommodation is provided for every Warden and an intercommunication system is installed in every elderly person's accommodation, so that they have direct contact with the Warden.

This service has proved very satisfactory and the elderly people are very happy with it. The Wardens carry out their work in a very satisfactory manner and have been of great help to the occupants of the accommodation.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS ACT, 1958 AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959, HOUSING ACT, 1961 AND HOUSING ACT, 1964.

Nine applications were received for Discretionary Grants during the year and these were approved by the Council.

THE HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959 AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSING ACT, 1961 AND HOUSING ACT, 1964.

Nine applications for Standard Grants were received and approved by

the Council during the year. The number of amenities provided was as follows:

Baths	16
Wash-hand Basins	16
Hot Water Supplies	15
Water Closets inside dwellings	18
Ventilated Food Stores	16

The total amount of Grants paid by the Council during 1965 was as follows:

Discretionary Grants	£3,892- 1-0
Standard Grants	£1,267-12-8

HOUSING REPAIRS AND RENTS ACT, 1954

One Certificate of Disrepair which remained in force at the end of 1964 still remained in force at the end of 1965.

HOUSING STATISTICS

Number of Houses Completed in 1965:

(a) Council	Nil
(b) Other	184

I wish to express my appreciation to the Chairman of the Council, the Chairman of the Health and Housing Committee, and Councillors for supporting me in my work during the year, and to the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. P. S. R. Burrell, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., for the encouragement and advice he has given me during the year.

I wish, also, to express my thanks to the Clerk of the Council, the Engineer and Surveyor, Officials and Staff of the Council for their co-operation during the year.

I am,
Ladies and Gentlemen.
Your obedient servant,
N. R. DARLING,
Public Health Inspector & Housing Officer